### CBER 2005 Update-Innovation & Public Health



Update for WCBP

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### Overview

- Take stock of some of the year's accomplishments
- Provide updates on progress in ongoing
   Center and Agency efforts
- New initiatives
- Standards activities and potential opportunities of interest to WCBP





### Vision for CBER

### INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCING PUBLIC HEALTH

- Protect and improve public and individual health in the US and, where feasible, globally
- Facilitate the development, approval and access to safe and effective products and promising new technologies
- Strengthen CBER as a preeminent regulatory organization for biologics

### Selected Accomplishments

### • Product Review:

- Continue to meet PDUFA & MDUFMA milestones for actions
- Public Health
  - Influenza:
    - Vaccine shortage: Chiron remediation, INDs
    - Pandemic preparedness:
      - » Key role including in HHS preparedness plan issued 8/04
      - » Assisting in landmark collaborative effort to produce H5N1 vaccine (manufacturing, reagents etc.)
      - » Enhance manufacturing capacity, more licensed vaccines
  - WNV: continuing success of blood screening
  - Continued phase in of thimerosal reduced/free vaccines
  - Significant approvals: e.g. OraQuick, FVIII







### Selected Accomplishments II.

### Patient Safety

- Joint CBER/CDER risk, pharmacovigilance and data monitoring committee guidances
- Continuing vaccine safety CMS collab.: increase use of large databases
- VAERS data-mining projects

### New Technologies

 Outreach and policy: BRMACs on cord blood, islet cell and cell Rx for cardiac disease

- Gene therapy long term follow up meeting &

planned guidance

- Cancer vaccines into Phase III
- Work on microarray standards, genomics guidances, proteomics etc.

## Selected Accomplishments III.

#### • IT:

- e-labeling, barcode rules
- EDR, VAERS, CBAERS enhancements
  - Allow faster AE reporting
- Communications and Outreach:
  - HIV vaccine meetings
  - Workshops including
    - CT Product Development
    - Anthrax therapeutics (joint with CDER)
    - Plasma standards
    - Bayesian and adaptive trial designs
  - Initiation of Manufacturing/Blood Banking Site Visit Program



### Selected Accomplishments IV.

- International Efforts
  - Re-designated WHO Collaborating Center
  - Leadership efforts with WHO/HHS on pandemic flu
  - New MOUs: EU, Canada, Switzerland: current priority to assess, extend and broaden
  - Xeno and Gene therapy outreach with WHO, others
  - GCBS leadership
  - ICH (including GT), PICS
  - ICDRA



# Update on CBER 2004 Strategic Initiatives

- Enhanced Review Management and Processes
  - Monthly review management updates
- Review Template Initiative
  - Enhance consistency, quality of review and submissions and facilitate electronic processes
  - Progress to date on templates:
    - Clinical: IND and BLA templates near ready
    - Pharm tox: building on modified ODE VI template
    - CMC, Statistical: under review

### CBER 2004-5 Initiatives Update II

- GMPs for 21st Century
  - Guidances and reports rolled out
  - CBER using many practices endorsed by FDA
    - e.g.: scientists/clinicians on inspections, specialized teams & training, risk based prioritization
    - New system-based, risk-based compliance programs issued: plasma and biologics
  - "Specifications for Biological and Biotechnological Products" Joint public workshop with CDER and AAPS
  - For 2005: Pharmaceutical Quality Council: to further implement



### Process Analytical Technologies

- CBER continues to encourage manufacturing and testing innovation and improvement
  - CBER is participating as an observer on the FDA PAT group to facilitate information sharing on approaches and technical issues
- Implementation of PAT will occur through integrated system of review and inspection
- Lessons learned from the Team Biologics program, particularly the more recent inclusion of Quality Systems, will be used by the PAT Team and the Pharmaceutical Inspectorate.

### Rapid Microbial Testing

- Rapid Microbial Methods
- CBER seminar series in 2003 2004
  - outside speakers including developers of different technology discussed various methods and associated technology issues
- Active in-house research on developing and assessing rapid methods for bioburden/ sterility and mycoplasma detection
- Recently (August 2003 and February 2004) approved rapid microbial methods for use with cellular products.

### 2004 Initiatives Update III.

- Patient Safety- Tissues
  - Tissue Safety Framework
    - Finalization of Donor Suitability & GTP Rules: DONE!
    - Adverse Event Reports and Analysis
      - Active Surveillance as one ultimate goal: resources
    - Training, outreach, inspection and compliance
  - Tissue Safety Team formed including OCTGT,
     OCBQ, OBE, OCTMA, OBRR and IOD
    - Developing SOPs to facilitate reporting/receipt/investigation of AEs
    - Development of shared databases and drive(s)
    - Liaison with ORA, CDC, and HRSA



### CBER 2004 Initiatives Update IV

- Strong FDA
  - Reorganization/Refocusing and streamlining of Director's and Management Offices
  - Review Management and QA relocated with review
  - Enhanced Emergency Response Capabilities
  - Training/professional development
    - New 2 day Risk Assessment Course for Reviewers successfully inaugurated 9/04 (collaboration with Virginia Tech)
    - Risk Management course quantitative focus
    - Risk Communication module also inaugurated



## CBER 2004: Update on Major Initiatives V.

- Counterterrorism
  - FDA and CBER information on product security for manufacturers
  - Spore former guidance: increases flexibility, reduces costs
  - EUA law & draft guidance
  - New approaches to product labeling for strategic stockpile
  - Progress in SPx and anthrax vaccines, immunoglobulin development/review
    - Successful management/communication re: SPX vaccine cardiac AEs
    - Baby BIG approval, VIG availability and BLA submission



## CBER 2004: Update on Major Initiatives VII.

- Global Vaccine Assistance
  - March, 2004 PAHO meeting: opportunities for increased training and technical consultation
  - Increasing focus on harmonization, e.g., w/EMEA; encourage global vaccine development plans



## 2005: Building on Success-Major Strategic Initiatives

- I. Critical Path Agency-wide
  - Identify, focus upon and manage to regulatory and scientific opportunities to improve product development process and availability of needed products
    - Intramural and extramural research
    - Needed policy and guidance
  - Opportunity to promote and preserve a science based FDA
  - High level CBER Research Working Group formed and evaluating organization: to present options

## Recent CBER Collaborative Science Supporting Innovation

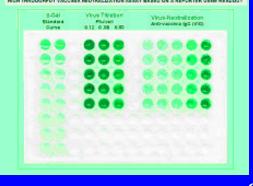




- International Factor, thrombin, adenovirus standards
- Proteomic monitoring of cancer treatment
- Surrogate markers/models of efficacy; TB, tularemia, hepC, pneumococcus, IGIV
- Embryonic stem cell gene expression

#### Safety

- West Nile testing standards and reagents
- Vaccine/cell safety and adventitious agent tests (e.g. PERT, PERV, TSE)
- Gene Rx, endothelial cell predictive toxicity models
- Oxidative toxicity of RBC substitutes link to structure/chemistry
- Consistency/manufacturing/quality
  - Conjugate vaccine synthesis methods
  - Prion inactivation and testing
  - Influenza seed strains, reassortants, stds & methods





### Critical Path: continued

- Seeking input in identifying opportunities, collaborators and priorities
  - CBER October CP Stakeholders mtg: 200 people!
  - AC presentations
- Providing content and perspective for our product and cross-cutting offices



# **Examples of CBER Critical Path Investment Opportunities**

- Develop/make available well characterized cell banks (and methods to assay for safety/adventitious agents) for vaccine and biologics production – & update guidance
- Characterization of cell therapies & links to standardized clinical/lab outcomes (e.g. HPSCs)
- New assays, standards, biomarkers, surrogates for complex biologics safety, efficacy and quality-WCBP
- Methods & validation of pathogen inactivation for blood, plasma, tissues and other products
- Multipathogen and rapid detection methodologies
- Improving longevity/storage of blood/tissues
- Enhanced clinical trial design/analysis

# Selected CBER Standards Activities

- In FY 2004, over 35 CBER staff participated with over 20 separate organizations to develop standards for use in product testing
- Broad representation including international and national organizations (e.g., WHO, PAHO, ICH) governmental organizations (e.g., NIST, NIH, CDC), regulated industry groups and other interested parties

- ICH Harmonization of pharmacopoeial methods
   examples include methods for sterility,
   endotoxin, and extractable volume
- WHO working group International Reference
  Preparations for HBsAg and anti-HCV Diagnostic
  Kits Assessment of the candidate HBsAg
  International Standard and Reference Panel, and
  discussion on the feasibility of an International
  anti-HCV monospecific Reference Panel.

- NIST/NIH/CDC Flow cytometry calibration standards & guideline on Identifying the Optimal Methods for Clinical Quantitative Flow Cytometry
- External RNA Controls Consortium/ National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards -Development of RNA spike-in controls for use in microarray and RT-PCR experiments, associated guideline for use

- WHO developing and standardizing Pertussis Reference Antiserum; revising guidelines for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Combined Vaccines potency testing of diphtheria and tetanus vaccines
- WHO Standardized BCG preparation and a TB challenge strain to create a tuberculosis vaccine testing model
- EDQM/EP participating in collaborative study of replacement serological methods for potency testing of diphtheria toxoid vaccines

- AABB, FACCT, NMDP, ARC, ISCT jointly drafting Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Product Circular of Information
- Multiple companies and groups Adenovirus-Associated Vector (AAV) Reference Standard Working Group developing and assessing AAV reference standard stock for use in normalization of titers for recombinant AAV vectors across clinical trials using AAV.

- Developing and evaluating new and replacement international standards for protein blood products.
- EDQM, European Pharmacopoeia Commission Group of Experts 6B- harmonize analytical assay methods & potency standards
- PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center potency standards for Factor IIa and VIII, and VWF
- International Society Thrombosis & Hemostasis potency standards

# Evolving Science: Standards and Assays Needed

- Vaccine efficacy (e.g. flu)
- Gene therapies and DNA vaccines
- Cellular therapies (e.g. characterization of stem cells, islet cells, cardiac cells, cord blood)
- Therapeutic vaccines (assays, standards, and surrogates)
- Meaningful immunogenicity predictors

# **Building on Success: Major Strategic Initiatives for 2005**

- II. Management and Organizational Training and Renewal
  - FDA's Gallup Program Survey opportunity for feedback and management improvement
  - CBER: "Human Capital Development Program"
    - Pilot tools for management and mentorship of review and research efforts
    - Enhance training opportunities
    - Develop up-to-date leadership training and succession plans

### Building on Success: Major Strategic Initiatives for 2005 IV.

- III. Pilot Test an "Expert Consultants Academy"
  - Goal: Provide easier and rapid access to expertise, particularly in areas of emerging science and practice. Consultants individually available to provide input/information and, when needed, inform difficult decisions.
  - Existing SGE's; appoint additional experts to create online database
  - Possible pilots: tissues, gene therapy
  - Challenges: resources, COI, confidentiality



# Budget and Personnel Updates

- Very tight for 2005
- OCTGT: Dr Ed Otto recruited as Office Director,
   Dr. Joyce Frey Vasconcells as Deputy
- OCBQ: Mary Malarkey as new Office Director
- OVRR: Dr. Norman Baylor appointed Deputy
   OBRR: Deputy Director to be named shortly
- OVRR, OBE: Dir. searches underway
- Opportunity to recognize Joyce,
   Jim Cohen, Norman and Bill Egan for their contributions



Thanks for being there for me when I needed you the most!

### Thank you!

- We are proud of our staff and the Center's role in public health, biodefense, product safety and efficacy.
- Innovative technologies demand new models, standards and assays.
- Strong science and partnerships essential
- We see a positive future with exciting challenges.
- We welcome your input & contributions, both now & in the future.

